executed by the Catholic Relief Services, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have received complaints about mismanagement of their projects where goods and materials worth lakhs of rupees are being misappropriated and other unlawful activities of the project holders;

(c) whether an inquiry has been made into the working of this foreign funding agency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The number of such projects run by Catholic Relief Services is 134. The places of location are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. As per information available an Audit Report. (*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 44) conducted by Price Water-House for US AID in respect of Catholic Relief Services was received in the Ministry of External Affairs. The Report brought out misappropriation of small quantities of food-stuffs over a period of time. The enuquiries made by CBI revealed the shortage of goods in the godowns. It was the work of the employees and CBI recommended that the US authorities be advised to file a complaint with the local police for the shortage of goods. The counterpart of CRS in Madras have since filed an FIR with the local police authorities.

Studies on loss of foreign Exchange

1068. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the data compiled by the Institute for studies on Industrial Development regarding the net loss of foreign exchange for the years 1987—1989; and

(b) what is the manner in which the Government will ensure that the new foreign collaborations with 50 per cent foreign equity will not further worsen the foreign exchange position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government are not aware of any report submitted by the Institute of Studies on Industrial Development regarding the net loss of foreign exchange during the years 1987—89.

(b) According to the Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of the House on 24th July, 1991, direct foreign investment will be permitted in high priority industries, with upto 51 per cent equity, provided the inflow of equity is sufficient to finance the import of capital goods at the stage of investment. The payment of dividends in such cases would also be monitored through the Reserve Bank of India so as to ensure that outflows on account of dividend payments are balanced by export earnings over a period of time. Other foreign equity proposals, including proposals involving 51 per cent foreign equity, which do not meet the criteria laid down will continue to need prior clearance. While granting clearance to these proposals, Government may consider stipulating such conditions, as may be necessary, to ensure that the foreign exchange outgo is kept to the barest minimum.

Tea plantation in Arunachal Pradesh

1069. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation has started' tea planatation in selected areas of the State;

(b) if so, how many hectares of area has been brought under tea plantation;

(c) whether commercial production of the tea has been started by the APFC; and

(d) whether any private party has also been allowed to grow tea in Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd., who was granted permission by the Tea Board on 11-1-83 for planting tea on an area of 400 ha at their Mopa Tea Estate is reported to have planted an area of approximately 146.99 ha so far.

(c) Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd., do not have any factory for manufacturing tea till now but they are selling green leaves to the neighbouring tea gardens like Sri Nanda Tea Estate for processing of tea.

(d) Private entrepreneurs have been allowed to grow tea in Arunachal Pradesh. So far four tea companies have submitted their proposal to the Tea Board for planting tea in a total area of 1365 ha.

Introduction of environmental friendly products in market

1070. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to bring out in the market environmental friendly products and if so, details of the products already brought out and are likely to enter the market in near future;

(b) whether Government also assessed their market potential;

(c) the likely impact of environmental friendly products on the sale of other products; and

(d) the future plans of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The Government have decided to institute a scheme on labelling of environmental friendly products. The scheme for the Environmental Friendly Labelling of products is intended to encourage environmentally appropriate products by drawing attention of consumers to the existence of such products. Its impact on other products cannot be assessed at this stage.

The scheme will operate on a national bais and provide accredition and labelling of household and other consumer products which meet certain environmental criteria, alongwith quality requirements of the Indian Standards for that product. Sixteen product categories have been identified under the first phase of the scheme, for which criteria are to be determined.

Stuff used by National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi

1071. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basic stuff used by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi in designing new fashion garments;

(b) whether khadi is also used by the institute for designing purposes;

(c) if so, the quantity of khadi used by the Institute during the last three years together with the quantity and value of purchase of khadi; and

(d) the quantity of other varieties of textiles used by the Institute during the same period.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) The objective of the National Institute of